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Over 300 Future Teachers Experience Career “Best Practices”

The Arizona FEA State Conference was held on Thursday, April 3, 2008. There were over 330 students and teachers and 25 schools represented at the conference and over 40 guests representing several agencies in our state. Dr. Karen Nicodemus - the State School Board President & President of Cochise College was the morning key note speaker and Amanda Graham, the National FEA Director was our keynote speaker during lunch. Both provided inspiring words for our student future teachers. We had 19 outstanding breakout sessions for our students to attend throughout the day to provide students valuable information about a variety of aspects of the teaching profession by some of the top people in their profession. Breakout sessions included workshops on What It Means to be a Teacher, Special Education, Classroom Management, Lesson Plans, Early Childhood Education, Technology for the classroom, Success Strategies for College, Resume, Application and Interview Tips, Career & Technical Education Opportunities, Secondary Science & Math Careers, Teacher Certification Requirements, Speech Pathology and much more.

Part of the conference experience is the competitions for students that align with our state Education Professions Standards. The quality of student performance and preparation was outstanding and the results were very close in each of the categories.

The following is a list of this year's finalists:

VIDEO LESSON:

1st Place - Daniel Huttinger, Sunnyslope High School

2nd Place - Paige Tuttle, Apollo High School

3rd Place - Amber Loyd, Metro Tech High School

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

1st Place - Jala Hashim, Apollo High School

2nd Place – Karryn Hirsch, Sunnyslope High School

3rd Place - Adraim Sandaval, Metro Tech High School

APPLICATION, RESUME' & INTERVIEW:

1st Place - Analicia Flores, Centennial High School

2nd Place - Ashley Jimenez, Basha High School

3rd Plkace - Jenese Lewis, Greenway High School

T - SHIRT DESIGN:

Winner - Nayeli Cruz, Sunnyslope High School

CHAPTER OF THE YEAR 2007 – 2008:

Greenway High School

TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2007 – 2008:

Julie Stockwell, Greenway High School

STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2007 – 2008:

Winner - Tiffany Randall, Greenway High School \$1000 Scholarship

Runner-Up - Lindsay Jones, Cactus High School \$500 Scholarship

FEA is a national youth organization as part of PDK International with members in every state and several foreign countries. FEA strives to make a positive difference in the lives of students by developing their potential for premier leadership, personal growth and career success. The mission of Arizona FEA is to recruit and provide experiences and skills for students who are exploring teaching as a future career; to develop essential skills that will lead to highly trained and qualified teachers in Arizona. For more information about Arizona FEA discover at: www.azed.gov/cte/FEA



FEA STATE CONFERENCE COMPETITION CONTESTANTS

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

- Alexa Dunn – Basha High School
- Karryn Hirsch – Sunnyslope High School- **2nd Place**
- Adraim Sandoval – Metro Tech High School – **3rd Place**
- Jala Hashim – Apollo High School - **1st Place**
- Katelyn Benjamin – Greenway High School
- Gwyneth Richard – Raymond S. Kellis High School

APPLICATION, RESUME' & INTERVIEW:

- Ashley Jimenez – Basha High School – **2nd Place**
- Analicia Flores – Centennial High School – **1st Place**
- Lauralee Ward – Sunnyslope High School
- Jenese Lewis – Greenway High School – **3rd Place**
- Yarely Mejia – Metro Tech High School
- Kaitlyn Matherly – Apollo High School

VIDEO LESSON:

- Oscar Sanchez – Sunnyslope High School
- Paige Tuttle – Apollo High School – **2nd Place**
- Amber Loyd – Metro Tech High School – **3rd Place**
- Daniel Huttinger – Sunnyslope High School – **1st Place**

T – SHIRT DESIGN:

- Nayeli Cruz – Sunnyslope High School - **WINNER**
- Erika Guerrero – Metro Tech High School
- Angelica Brown – Apollo High School
- Shelby Christy – Fountain Hills High School
- Tiffany Randall - Greenway High School

FEA CHAPTER:

- Greenway High School - **WINNER**
- Basha High School – **RUNNER UP**

FEA TEACHER:

- Julie Stockwell – Greenway High School - **WINNER**

FEA STUDENT:

- Tiffany Randall – Greenway High School – **WINNER \$1000**
- Lindsay Jones – Cactus High School – **RUNNER – UP \$500**
- Jasmyne Griffiths – Basha High School
- Megan Bickert – Cactus High School